

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

SUBJECT: Consideration of a proposed ordinance amending the makeup and composition of the Design Review Committee (DRC).

SUMMARY: Due to recent turnover of several members of the Design Review Committee and an opportunity to foster improved communication between it and the planning commission, this is an appropriate time to revisit the makeup of the DRC. The proposed ordinance is focused on keeping the same five member committee. It reduces the number of professional representatives from 3 to 2 and requires all members to be citizens of the city. In order to improve communication, two members would be appointed from the planning commission who will have a one-year appointment with the option to renew each year for a total of three years.


**FISCAL
IMPACT:** None

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:
Approve the proposed change to Title 2 of the Municipal Code to reduce the number of professional representatives on the Design Review Committee from 3 to 2 and requiring two positions to be filled by members of the planning commission.

MOTION RECOMMENDED:
"I move to authorize the mayor to sign ordinance 15-01 approving the proposed change to Title 2 of the Municipal Code to reduce the number of professional representatives on the Design Review Committee from 3 to 2, requiring all members to be citizens of West Jordan, and requiring two positions to be filled by members of the planning commission."

Roll Call vote required

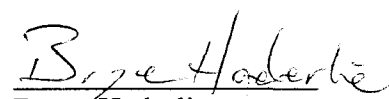
Prepared by:


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Reviewed by:


Jeff Robinson
City Attorney

Recommended by:


Bryce Haderlie
Interim City Manager

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

Staff proposed this change to Title 2 of the Municipal Code to reduce the number of professional representatives on the Design Review Committee from 3 to 2, requiring all members to be citizens of West Jordan, and requiring two positions to be filled by members of the planning commission.

The Design Review Committee is in a rebuilding mode due to the recent turnover of several volunteers. A goal of city council is to better integrate upgrade changes to the development standards with the planning commission and the design review committee. A critical outcome for this goal is higher quality and value of new development. The proposed change, combined with upgrades to standards and training, will serve to implement the outcome. It will accelerate implementation by fostering improved communication between the planning commission and the DRC as the changes to design review standards are adopted.

This ordinance changes the number of volunteers with professional design experience from 3 to 2. This is proposed because it has been difficult to recruit members with design review backgrounds for this committee and it will allow greater variety of general citizen input. By lowering this number, staff feels that all positions can be filled from West Jordan's citizenry.

Next, the ordinance will establish a two person volunteer representation from the planning commission. This is proposed to help improve communication and integration of the planning commission with the review of a preliminary design set of plans.

On January 6th staff brought a proposal to the planning commission for input and to see if it is possible to obtain two volunteers to serve on the DRC. The commission felt that two members could be provided and recommended that the Planning Commission representatives' service on the committee be a one-year term with the option of reappointment on a year-by-year basis for a total of three years. This is preferred rather than the normal three-year term as provided in the municipal code section 2-1-4 TERMS. They felt that the three-year term on the Planning Commission may not coincide with the three-year term of the Design Review Committee. It will also allow a planning commissioner the opportunity to serve on the committee without making an initial three-year commitment.

THE CITY OF WEST JORDAN, UTAH

A Municipal Corporation

ORDINANCE NO. 15- 01 [DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE]

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 2, "BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AGENCIES AND THIRD PARTY ENTITIES."

WHEREAS, the City of West Jordan adopted a City Code in 2009, for the purpose of carrying into effect and discharging all powers and duties conferred by law upon the city and its officers, employees and inhabitants, and to provide for the safety, preserve the health, promote the prosperity, improve the morals, peace, good order, comfort and convenience of the city and its inhabitants, and to protect property in the city; and

WHEREAS, the West Jordan City Council finds and determines that the purpose of the 2009 City Code, and the public health and welfare, will best be reached by the adoption of the following amendments to Title 2, Chapter 10 of the 2009 City Code.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDAINED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST JORDAN, UTAH:

Section 1. Title 2, Chapter 10, Section 3 of the 2009 City Code shall hereafter read as follows:

The design review committee shall be composed of five (5) members. All members must be citizens of the city. At least two (2) members of the committee shall be professionals in the fields of architecture, landscape architecture, urban planning or urban design. Two shall be appointed from the planning commission to serve a one-year term with the option of reappointment on a year-by-year basis for a total of three years. One or more of the planning commissioners may be a professional meeting the criteria of this section. (2001 Code § 2-6-1103; amd. Ord. 15-___, 01-28-2014.

Section 2. Additions or amendments to the 2009 City Code when passed in such form as to indicate the intention of the city council to make the same a part of the 2009 City Code shall be deemed to be incorporated in the 2009 City Code, so that reference to the 2009 City Code hereafter includes the additions and amendments.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall become immediately effective.

Passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of West Jordan, Utah this ____ day of ____, 2015.

CITY OF WEST JORDAN

By: _____
KIM V. ROLFE
Mayor

ATTEST:

MELANIE S. BRIGGS, MMC
City Clerk

| Voting by the City Council | "AYE" | "NAY" |
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| Jeff Haaga | _____ | _____ |
| Judy Hansen | _____ | _____ |
| Chris McConnehey | _____ | _____ |
| Chad Nichols | _____ | _____ |
| Ben Southworth | _____ | _____ |
| Justin D. Stoker | _____ | _____ |
| Mayor Kim V. Rolfe | _____ | _____ |

CITY CLERK/RECORDER'S CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

I, Melanie S. Briggs, certify that I am the City Clerk/Recorder of the City of West Jordan, Utah, and that the foregoing ordinance was published in the Legal Section, of the Salt Lake Tribune, on the ____ day of ____, 2015, pursuant to Utah Code Annotated, 10-3-711.

MELANIE S. BRIGGS, MMC
City Clerk/Recorder

[SEAL]

Legislative

2-10-3: COMPOSITION:

The design review committee shall be composed of five (5) members. ~~At least three (3)~~ All members must be citizens of the city. At least ~~three (3)~~ two (2) members of the committee shall be professionals in the fields of architecture, landscape architecture, ~~engineering,~~ urban planning or ~~architectural~~ urban design; ~~however, only one must be a resident of the city.~~ Two shall be appointed from the planning commission to serve a one-year term with the option of reappointment on a year-by-year basis for a total of three years. One or more of the planning commissioners may be a professional meeting the criteria of this section. (2001 Code § 2-6-1103; amd. Ord. 15-____, 01-28-2014.